



Heritage

The Wichita-Sedgwick County
Historical Museum Association

FROM THE DIRECTOR

The Sesquicentennial - we've waited 150 years for this! And this exquisite museum of local history is the place to celebrate. As a member you've joined many others who, over the generations, have built on the enthusiasm for telling our unique local story. It's an engaging story that will be told through dozens of exhibits, programs and events. Only through support locally will we carry on - please use this year as an opportunity to introduce someone new to the Museum and ask them for their support through Membership.

Eric Cale
MUSEUM DIRECTOR

Tot Rods revisited

Children's toys hold a place amongst the most ancient artifacts. They typically mirror the adult world children aspire to and often teach children how to look forward to life as a grown-up.

The pedal car holds a unique position in the history of toys. A product of the Industrial Age, it took the idea of the "hobby horse" which itself saw a transition to pedal power in the late 19th century, to the next level. The earliest recorded pedal-powered vehicle was the "Quadracycle" exhibited in 1853 at the "Exhibition of the Industry of All Nations

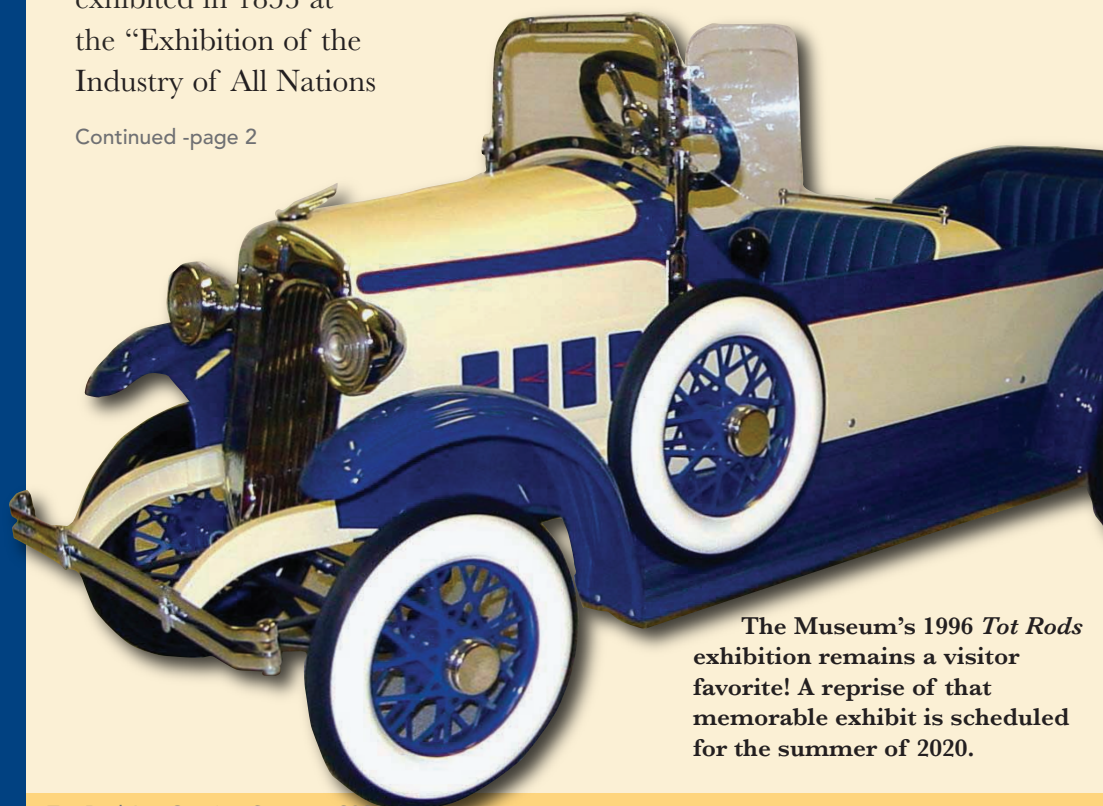
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VINTAGE PEDAL CARS

THE GUENTHNER COLLECTION

SPECIAL MEMBER'S OPENING:

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17TH 5-7PM.



The Museum's 1996 *Tot Rods* exhibition remains a visitor favorite! A reprise of that memorable exhibit is scheduled for the summer of 2020.

MEMORIALS

The following have been honored with gifts to the Museum's Memorial Fund from

April 2019 –March 2020

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World's Fair" held in New York City at the time when two-wheeled bicycles became popular.

Pedal cars mirror automotive design of the Machine Age and reflect advancements in mass production as applied to toy manufacturing. As artifacts, they have become nearly as popular with collectors as the actual automobiles themselves.

This exhibit features pedal cars from the Robert Guenthner Collection and will be featured in the Slawson Gallery June 17, 2020 through June 2021.



Loren Winders in his pedal car.

Salute to Museum Docents!

The word "docent" comes from the Latin verb docere, which means "to teach." Our Docents lead tours, guide learning for students on field trips, lead discussions and present information about the Museum's exhibits. Our stellar docents foster museum literacy and increase understanding of local history through definitive, evocative interpretation of the Museum's encyclopedic spectrum. The Museum is grateful for the efforts of current docents. To learn more about the program simply call the Museum at 316-265-9314.

2019-2020 Docent Roster:

Barbara Brotton

Twila Brown

Kathryn Compton

Terri Evans

Margaret Floyd

Gary Huffman

Sharon Huggins

Cathy McElroy

Mary Sloan

DJ Spaeth

Merlene Switzer

Kent Thomas

Nancy Tush

Mary Watson

SPRING & SUMMER BREAK PROGRAMS

An Adventure in Time!

The Museum's Break Programs, timed to provide activity during school breaks, are created and presented by the Museum's educational staff and designed to engage and inspire youngsters, 3rd – 12th grade, through our own local history. Spring break activities begins March 16th. Summer break activities begin June 9th. Programs fill quickly and capacity is limited. See the Museum's Website for details and registration; contact the Museum for additional information.
wschm@wichitahistory.org



Saturday, May 2nd, 2020
7-10 pm

You're invited to celebrate in high style! Join us Saturday, May 2nd, 7-10 pm for a memorable evening of dining, drink, and music you will love. The event transports you to the legendary Blue Moon Nightclub, once located near the old airport on South Oliver during the 1940s and 1950s. The club was a popular gathering spot for adults to dine and dance to the America's most famous orchestras. Donna Tucker, internationally renowned jazz singer, and her quartet will entertain with songs of the era for an evening like no other.

This is a very popular event in its 12th year – reservations are limited to 90 guests. For reservations and more information, call 316-265-9314 or email wschm@wichitahistory.org. Admission to the Blue Moon Party is \$100 per person, of which \$50 is a tax deductible donation to the Museum.

This fundraising event for the Museum is hosted by the Wichita Historical Museum Society (WHiMS) and underwritten by generous host sponsors including:

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, *Sedgwick County*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, *Wichita*

The Museum is the center of celebration for the sesquicentennial 1870 – 2020 and two special events are planned for Sedgwick County and the City of Wichita. Tour through our remarkable history, and explore dozens of exhibits on all four floors of the Museum. Enjoy special tours, crafts, activities and refreshments including Birthday cake & ice cream. These events are free to those individuals and small groups bringing a Birthday card.

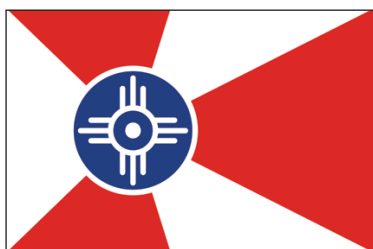


Sunday, April 26th

A special birthday celebration for Sedgwick County Kansas from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 26th - the 150th anniversary of the founding of Sedgwick County “born” on April 27, 1870!

Saturday, July 25th 1-5 pm

A special birthday celebration for Wichita from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 25th - the 150th anniversary of the founding of Wichita “born” on July 21, 1870!



HERITAGE SQUARE CONCERT SERIES

The Heritage Square Concert Series celebrates the Sesquicentennial with a noontime concert in the Square each Wednesday in September.

The Heritage Square Concert Series is sponsored by the following:

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**Freddy's Frozen Custard
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Kansas**

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Media partners for the
Heritage Concert Series
are:

The Wichita Eagle

**The Times-Sentinel
Newspapers**

Radio Kansas

Admission is free and
open to the public.



WICHITA RIVER FESTIVAL

Admiral's Armada at
the
Historical Museum

Sunday, May 31
1-5 pm

Enjoy a Riverfest
Tradition with special
tours, activities, and
local celebrity
encounters
throughout the
Museum and Heritage
Square. Wear your
River Festival button
for V.I.P. status!

BLUE STAR MUSEUMS

The Historical Museum joins more than 2,000 museums across America to offer free admission to the nation's active duty military personnel, including National Guard and Reserve and their families, from Memorial Day through Labor Day 2020. A collaboration among the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and museums across America, the program, established in 2010, provides families an opportunity to enjoy the nation's cultural heritage and learn more about their community, especially after a military move. The list of participating museums is available at arts.gov/bluestarmuseums.

Last summer, more than 900,000 military members and their families took advantage of free admission as part of Blue Star Museums, visiting historical museums, fine arts museums, science museums, music museums, nature centers, and children's museums.

Leadership support for Blue Star Families programming and promotional materials has been provided by MetLife Foundation. The effort to recruit museums has involved partnerships with the American Alliance of Museums, the Association of Art Museum Directors, the Association of Children's Museums, the American Association of State and Local History, the Association of Science-Technology Centers, and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

The free admission program is available to any bearer of a **Geneva Convention common access card (CAC)**, a **DD Form 1173 ID card (dependent ID)**, or a **DD Form 1173-1 ID card**, which includes active duty U.S. military - Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, as well as members of the National Guard and Reserve, U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, NOAA Commissioned Corps - and family members. Contact the Museum for details.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 150 WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Having just celebrated the Museum's 80th year, we transition to the City/County Sesquicentennial and an ideal opportunity to launch a membership drive. When the Museum was chartered with endorsements from over 350 enthusiastic supporters, Wichita and Sedgwick County were a mere 70 years old with a population equal to a quarter of what it is today. We are using this historic fact to set our goal for new membership support. Who makes a good member? Those who recognize the value of our unique local history as a unifying force that brings identity to the community and shares our story with the world. We ask members to acquaint friends with the Museum by giving them an admissions pass with the suggestion they join in support through membership. Membership in the association is an essential way to support the Museum and a great way to stay apprised of all that it has to offer. Our Goal is to double the current membership to 1,400.

We are pleased to acknowledge recent Museum members!

Kendal Beattie
Kenton Beattie
Tracy Brown
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Sharon Congdon
Karen & Richard Crowson
John & Joanie Firsching
William Fischer
Lashonda Garnes
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The Museum Association is grateful for the special support of the following donors:

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For additional information including levels of membership, contact Sally Buch, Development Director, 316-265-9314.

THANK YOU! SUPPORTING BUSINESSES

These businesses support the Museum annually and are recognized as Business Members. In appreciation of their support they enjoy: Free admission to the Museum and Heritage Square for employees and their guests, invitations to special membership events, free admission passes for clients, discounts in the WHiMS Museum's Gift Shop. These businesses receive communications including the Heritage Newsletter and other mailings and email notices for upcoming events. Business members are recognized on the Museum website and at events.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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profound presence
on-line.

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"wichitahistory"

HONORING YOUNG HISTORIANS

The Historical Museum celebrates
young historians!

Saturday, May 9th

2:00 p.m.

DeVore Auditorium



The Museum partnered with Friends University in sponsoring National History Day competition for an 11th year. This national competition engaged over 300 area students, challenging them to interpret history through various mediums including exhibits, video, website design, essay, and performance. Students choose historical topics related to the national theme of "Breaking Barriers in History."

For students, nothing brings academics into focus like reflecting on one's own history and heritage. The Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum acts as their portal to the past. Supported by our mission, the Museum encourages student participants to use local history as a basis for their NHD projects. This begins early in the school year with an Essay Contest sponsored by the DeVore Family Foundation. The essay is a warm-up exercise for their projects and challenges students to approach the theme with a local perspective.

The winner of the 10th Annual DeVore Essay Contest will be honored during the Young Historian Awards on May 9th at 2pm. The event recognizes all students proceeding to state competition as well as those who based their projects upon local, Sedgwick County history topics. The program is followed by refreshments and special tours of the Museum including the clock tower. Winning exhibits will be featured in the Museum's Davis Gallery located on the first floor.



THE ARTISTIC LIFE and WORK of GENEVIEVE FRICKEL

FIRST FRIDAY OPENING
AUGUST 7TH 5-7PM

Genevieve Ingram Frickel (1900-1985) was an independent visual artist and remarkable figure in the local art and culture scene of mid-century Wichita. Frickel led the Art Department at the Wichita School of Fine Arts before moving to Tucson, Arizona in 1953, where she exhibited her work and taught portrait and landscape painting. She returned to Wichita in the late 1950s and opened the Genevieve Frickel Art Studio and directed the Index Gallery above the Fairland Café in downtown Wichita. An influential teacher, many of Frickel's students became professional artists.

A serious artist herself, Frickel studied at the Municipal University of Wichita and traveled widely in pursuit of inspiration and recognition. She corresponded with a range notable artists including Bruce McGrew, Adolf Dehm and Charles Schultz. Frickel was also an aspiring author, poet, and amateur musician who raised three sons with her husband Henry, a math instructor at Roosevelt Junior High School.

This exhibit on view through August of 2021 and is supported by a generous gift from the Lois Kay Walls Foundation.

GIFT SHOP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteering at the Museum gift shop is fun! Volunteers meet interesting visitors from around the world, catch up on their reading, enjoy interaction with Museum staff and docents, and record sales of the shop's unique merchandise. Most of all, gift shop volunteers improve visitor experience while contributing to the Museum's operational income. To learn more, call the Museum at 316-265-9314.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Museum members will elect new trustees to the Board during the Annual Membership Meeting on March 18th. Additionally, the Board of Trustees will elect officers for the Association. We bid farewell to Trustees Patricia Armstrong and Roger Turner and welcome Myra Devlin and Kristi Zukovich to the Board. Officers, led by President Richard Honeyman, have agreed to serve a second term with the exception of Secretary Patricia Armstrong who is succeeded by TeOndra Phillips.

2019 MUSEUM ACQUISITIONS

THE MUSEUM BEGAN ASSEMBLING ITS COLLECTION IN 1939. THESE OBJECTS ARE PRESERVED IN PERPETUITY TO USE IN THE INTERPRETATION OF OUR LOCAL HISTORY AND TODAY NUMBER OVER 70,000 CATALOGED ARTIFACTS. WE THANK ALL THOSE WHO HAVE OFFERED SUCH GIFTS, CONSIDERING THE MUSEUM AND ITS UNIQUE MISSION. HERE IS THE CUSTOMARY ANNUAL LISTING OF THOSE ARTIFACTS ACCEPTED TO THE COLLECTION IN 2019.

Leon Ault – Collection of Rogers Studio glass plate negatives, early 20th century.

Robert P. Bayer – Woman’s hat, 1960s; man’s necktie, 1940s.

Matt Carson – Boys’ Loyalty Parade film, sponsored by the Wichita Rotary Club, 1924.

Lucinda Dillon – Wichita photographs, 1900-1910.

Donna Dilsaver – Pair of hand knit mittens exhibited at the International Wheat Show Wichita Fair & Exposition, 1917.

Gregory D. Gilmer - *The Brick Yard* lithograph by William Dickerson, 1936.

Nancy Glenn – Documents from the Irma Wassall Estate.

Oscar Gossard – Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Shirk scrapbook, 1890s-1950s; Shirkmere Hotel photographs and material, 1920s; Eaton Hotel material.

Valerie Ellington – Photograph of Dick and Joe Holicke, Wichita, circa 1900.

John E. Findling – Golden View Motorola tabletop television set, 1948.

Tom D. Hankins – “Save Century II” t-shirt, 2019.

Michael Heaston – Birger Sandzen lithographs; Robert Aitchison print; Fred Dold & Sons painted advertisement; Wichita school annuals and catalogs, early 20th century; Phyllis Wheatley Children’s Home booklet, 1949; Kansas Milling Company material, 1920s; Coleman Company catalogs, 1930s; Boeing desk accessory; Victorian toy stove; and Wichita documents.

Nancy Henry – Royal Watson family photograph album, 1917-1944.

Gary M. Huffman – “Robert the Robot” toy with remote control, 1950s.

Keith Jantz and Margaret Jantz Gingerich – North High School audio recording, 1960s.

Claudia M. Jimenez – Collection of Miriam Haskell costume jewelry and related material, 1930s-1970s. Given in memory of Elizabeth Gerstner Gabel.

Chris Kidwell – Cabinet card of Charles Steenrod, circa 1885.

James E. Mason – Photograph of Kansas Governor and Presidential Nominee Alf Landon, American Legion Parade, Wichita, 1936; *Beech Log* newsletter, March 22, 1946.

Robert L. McCombs –Photograph of the Wichita Board of Trade Mid-Season Convention, 1913.

McCormick-Armstrong Company – Bust of Robert Aitchison by Bill Jackson; McCormick-Armstrong promotional materials and annual reports, 1940s-1970s; photographs of McCormick-Armstrong artists and staff, 1950s-1960s.

William Nestelroad – James Carr Cale Civil War diary.

Edward H. Phillips – *Travel Air Type R Racing Monoplane* watercolor by Bob Resley, circa 1980; *Two Travel Air Type R Racing Monoplanes* by Jim Rigg, circa 1980.

Robert A. Puckett – Ceramic bowls by Wichita artist Jack Pharo, 1960s; Reed and Barton silver plate household accessories; Brilliant cut glass bowls; pair of Victorian side chairs; Charak chest of drawers, 1941.

Von E. Rhodes – RCA Microphone used at the Wichita Forum, circa 1950, and Stearman Aircraft Division, Boeing Airplane Company Factory Layout, 1942.

Jane Winders Richardson and Ann Winders – Camp Fire Girls uniforms and related material, 1958-1961.

Rotary Club of Wichita – Wichita, The Air Capital hat band, circa 1928.

Francene Davis Sharp –*Sunflower Sue* sheet music by Maud Richards, Wichita, 1936.

Roger Sherron III – Photograph of Lady Mary Heath at Swallow Field, 1929.

Ron Starkel – Embarrassment Reunion Performance 2006 t-shirt.

Linda Lea Voss – Fox and Tibetan lamb coat designed by Gragg Furs, 1980s, and wool coat with lamb trim retailed by Lewin's, Wichita, 1970s.

Sherry Waters – Pink and white gingham dress worn by Betty Stewart, *Wichita Eagle-Beacon* Assistant Society Editor, 1950s.

Winders Estate – Photographs and material related to the Wichita Wet Wash Laundry; photographs of Wichita; audio recording, WWII; McCormick-Armstrong prints. Given in memory of the Harry Jacob Winders Family.

Senior Wednesdays

AT THE WICHITA-SEDGWICK COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM – HOSTED BY WHIMS

Visit the Museum the 4th Wednesday of each month from January to October and enjoy special Historical Museum programs developed with active senior audiences in mind. A special \$2 admission for seniors and their guests is offered; admission is free for members. The Senior Wednesday programs at the Historical Museum begin at 10:00am, and the doors open

at 9:30. Refreshments are served. Senior Wednesdays in 2015 at the Historical Museum are sponsored by the Trust Company of Kansas and a generous grant from Mickey Armstrong. For more information about the Museum's Senior Wednesday programs, visit www.wichitahistory.org or www.seniorwednesday.org.





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WHiMS SUPPORT THE MUSEUM, CELEBRATE VOLUNTEERS

WHiMS (The Wichita Historical Museum Society) will celebrate Museum Volunteers at their annual Appreciation Brunch scheduled for Tuesday, May 19th from 10 – 11 am in the DeVore Auditorium. The Museum receives approximately 5,000 hours of volunteer support annually. If you are a Museum Volunteer and wish to attend the celebration, please call the Museum at 316-265-9314.

WHiMS provides support to the Museum in ways that reflect our mission and vision, enhance visitor experience, and attract the public. The committee provides a dynamic connection to many of the Museum's other volunteers. Connect with WHiMS on Facebook under "Wichita Historical Museum Society" to learn more.

2019 – 2020 COMMITTEE:

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